

EARL S. HERALD

April 10, 1914 - January 16, 1973

Though weeks have passed since Dr. Herald's death, it is not yet an acceptable fact to those of us who worked with him, who shared his enthusiasms, and who admired his energy—both mental and physical. It was boundless in forwarding the purposes of the Academy in general and Steinhart Aquarium in particular. Work, for him, was always "in process" be it in the area of scientific research, in authoring his popular and successful books, or in the improvement and betterment of Steinhart. This would have been true had he lived to be a nonagenarian for work, work and more work would have been "in process." It is needless to say that the results would have been fruitful and rewarding.

He was dedicated, and delightfully so, to the causes of the aquarium — never content with the acknowledged fact that it is pre-eminent in the United States and certainly among the top-ranking in the world. To his way of thinking, it could always be improved. Its inhabitants could be more unusual and exotic. The tanks could be more arrestingly beautiful. The whole area must be spotlessly immaculate — and on and on and on. In moments of minor disenchantment, his critics felt him to be the tireless taskmaster, but in the final analysis it could only be acceded that all he wanted was the best and the best is what he would get.

Earl was a warm man, ebullient, and blessed with infectious eagerness. His was a quick and mercurial mind. He was an outrageous punster. He lived with a lively, constructive curiosity. He was devoted to his friends — and they are worldwide. He was proudly dedicated to his family. He enjoyed life enormously and probably never more so than when, on a diving trip to Baja California in the company of his admirable wife and good companions, destiny or fate or whatever is in charge caused the brief sequence to come to an abrupt finish.

All of those who knew him must now be content with the fact that his was a full and constructive and contributory life. Because of him and through the medium of television, millions of doors were opened to the many houses of science, and through his devotion to Steinhart Aquarium and the Academy, millions more shared his enthusiasm in revealing the wonderment of water and the watery things he so much loved.

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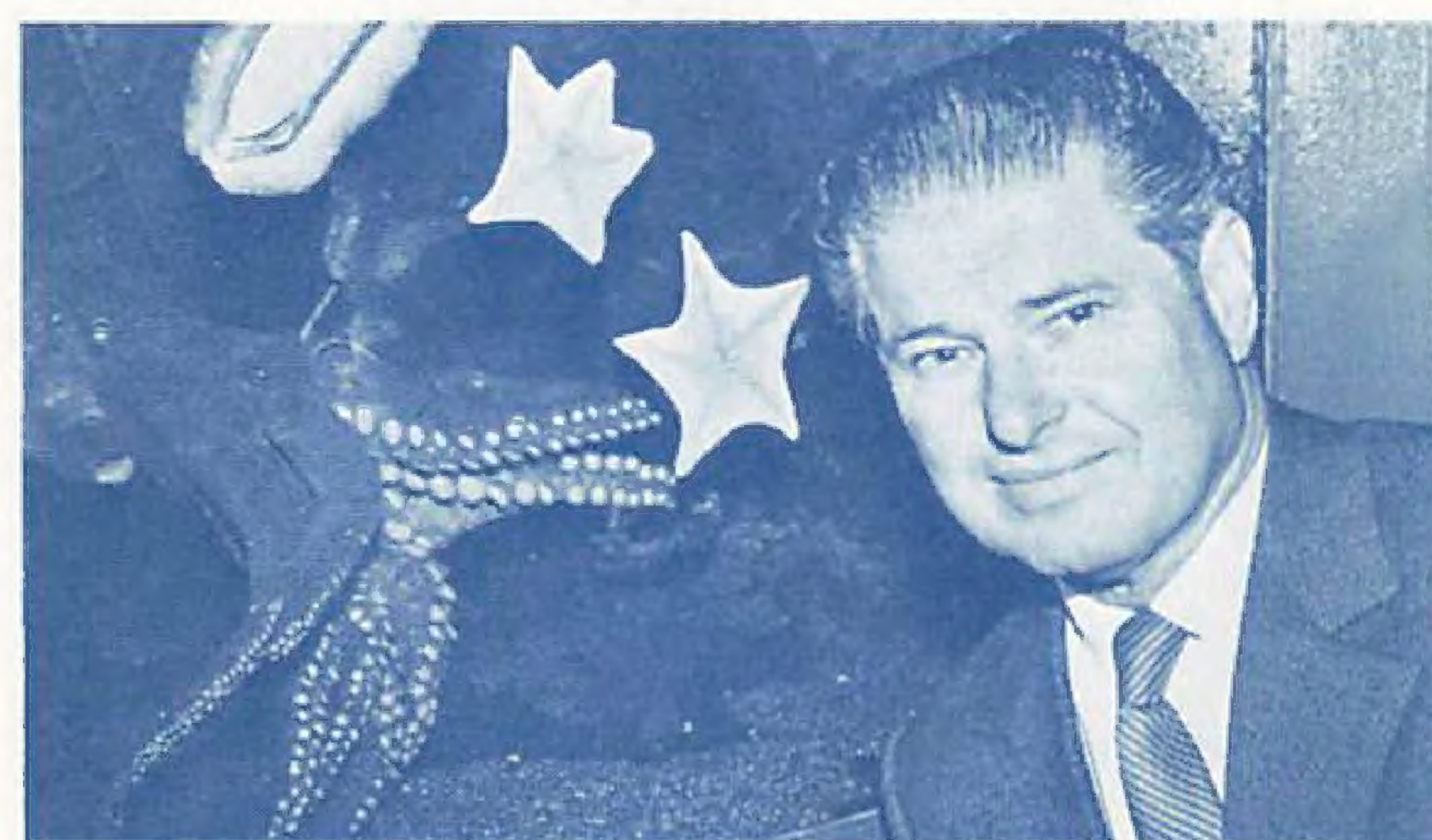
MARCH MEETINGS

Dates & Times: Matinee, 2:30 p.m., Wednesday

March 14

Evenings, 8:00 p.m., Wednesday
and Thursday, March 14-15

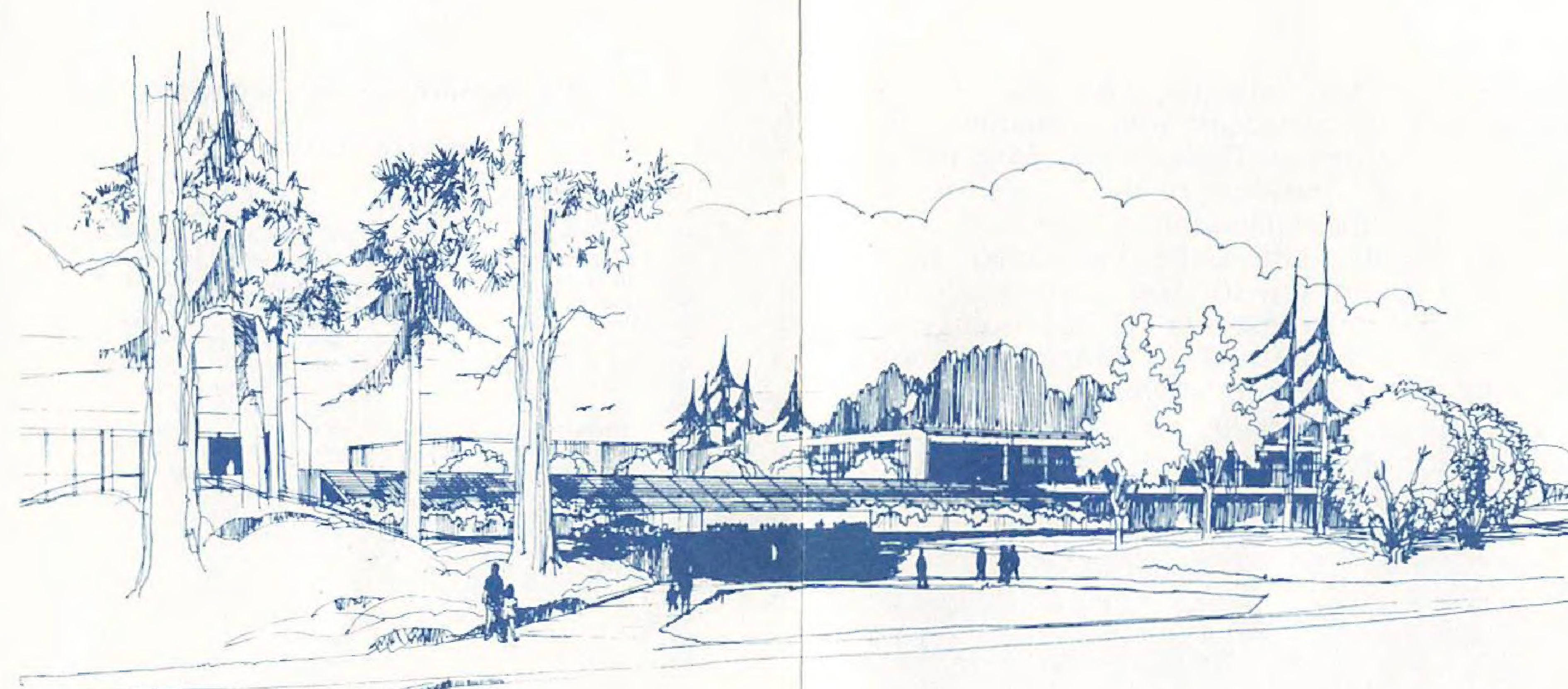
Place: May Treat Morrison Auditorium



On these three occasions, five close friends and boon companions will come together in an affectionate salute to the late Dr. Earl S. Herald. This quintet knew him well, shared many a scientific adventure, collected fishes together, photographed underwater, and puzzled over the odd and the unusual in aquatic circles. All are members of the "Steinhart Divers."

Those who will participate in these meetings, reminiscing and sharing both color films and color slides, are Stan Waterman, Al Giddings, Sylvia Earle Mead, Jeff Meyer and Les Gunther.

Three presentations as indicated and your membership card is your admission. For the matinee performance, present it to the door attendant at Cowell Hall. You will be asked to show it once again at the auditorium entrance. Because we expect capacity at the evening meetings, may we urge you, if at all possible, to attend the matinee. Due to the number of persons involved in this program, as well as the planned length, only one presentation can be given each evening, and as we all are aware, seating is limited.



MORRISON PLANETARIUM

"COMETS" begins on March 1 and plays in the Theatre of the Stars through April 22. Of all the celestial bodies, these are among the most spectacular and mysterious. Here is an opportunity to learn more about this heavenly phenomenon.

Performances daily at two, with evening shows, Wednesday through Sunday, at eight. Extra matinees on Saturdays and Sundays and holidays. Closed Monday and Tuesday nights. Admission is one dollar for those 18 and over and half-price 17 and under.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

"THE CHARLES DE YOUNG AND RUTH C. ELKUS INDIAN COLLECTION." A magnificent array of artifacts given recently to the Academy and representing the artisanship of Indians of the Southwest — Navajo, Hopi and Zuni. Jewelry, pottery, and weaving plus other beautiful and representative objects. Hohfeld Gallery (adjacent the Hall of Space Science) through the month of April.

"THE BEAUTY THAT SURROUNDS US," color enlargements of a variety of subjects — metals, weeds, webs, ferns, rocks, water — captured close-up, the work of Mr. Bernard Blake, San Francisco photographer. In the Lower Gallery, Cowell Hall.

"MAN AND NATURE (As interpreted by the Indians of North America)" continues in Cowell Hall.

News and Notes

Above is an architectural conception of the new addition — entrance gallery, hall of anthropology and aquarium extension — as it will be seen from Middle Drive at the rear of the Academy. The main structure to the right is the Wattis Hall of Anthropology. To the left, at the end of the lengthy arcade, will be the forthcoming George H. C. Meyer Fish "Roundabout", a stunning addition to Steinhart Aquarium. As indicated in the February 1973 NEWSLETTER, the service areas and parking will go underground, thus leaving the new additions aesthetically free to blend with the surrounding areas of Golden Gate Park. Also, it will afford a second main entranceway to the Academy itself, thus affording better accommodations to our hosts of visitors.

The excitement of the prospects makes one wish that a snap of the finger and a loud "presto" would allow it all to come to pass immediately. That being impractical, progress, as it is made, will be reported from time to time in these panels.

When geologist- astronaut

Harrison H. Schmitt became particularly excited on the discovery of the now world-famous orange soil that he suddenly found on the historic lunar exploration carried forward

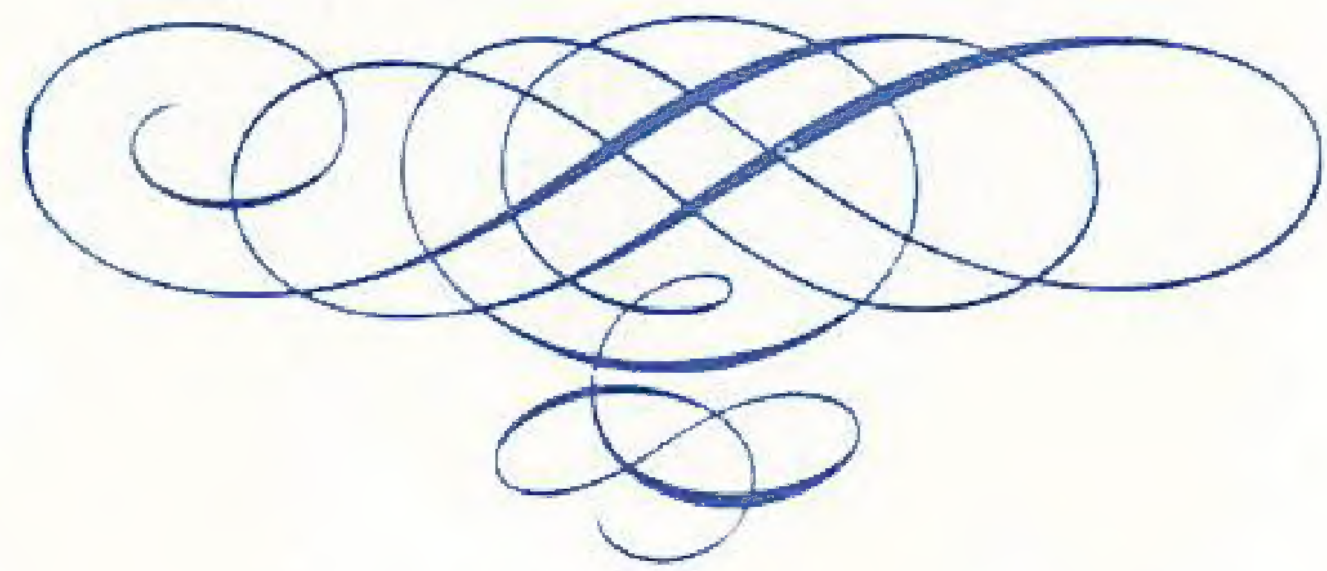
on the Apollo 17 mission, one pair of ears tuned into the broadcast was probably more receptive than most. Those ears belong to Dr. Ian Campbell, President of the Academy. His reason for understandable pride was that during the mid-Fifties, he had been 'Jack' Schmitt's friend, advisor and major professor at the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena where he was a Professor of Geology and young Schmitt an emerging geologist.

Dr. Campbell recently had a rewarding reunion with his favorite geologist-astronaut in Southern California.



If you should have a springtime urge to create grass, cactus, or English lawn daisies, opportunity lies right in your front yard. Though Kay Cardenas (pictured above) and thirteen other docents or Academy members have been busy for weeks creating the named botanical items which are necessary in refurbishing the "mole and gopher" diorama in North American Hall, they are far from finished. Fred Funk of the Exhibits Department who is in charge of the project, figures that only about one-quarter of the blades of grass have been fabricated for the two-square-foot plot and would be most grateful for any volunteers who are interested in helping out. Which brings to mind a question: Just how many blades of grass are there in such a plot?

There will be many other such projects in the future for sooner or later all the dioramas will be given renovating touches. So, if your fingers itch to imitate nature, call Mr. Funk at 221-5100. He'll be glad for your call.



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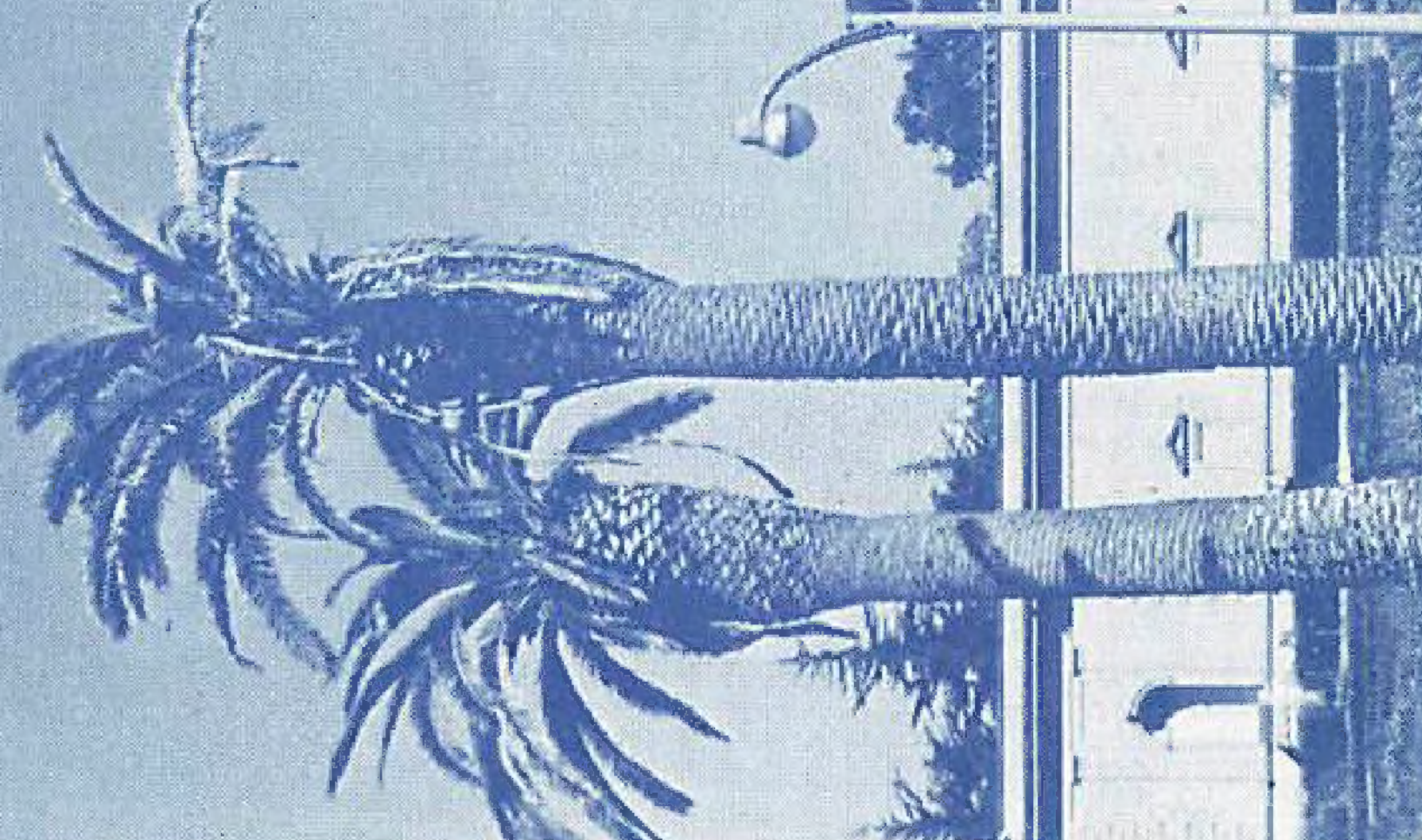
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